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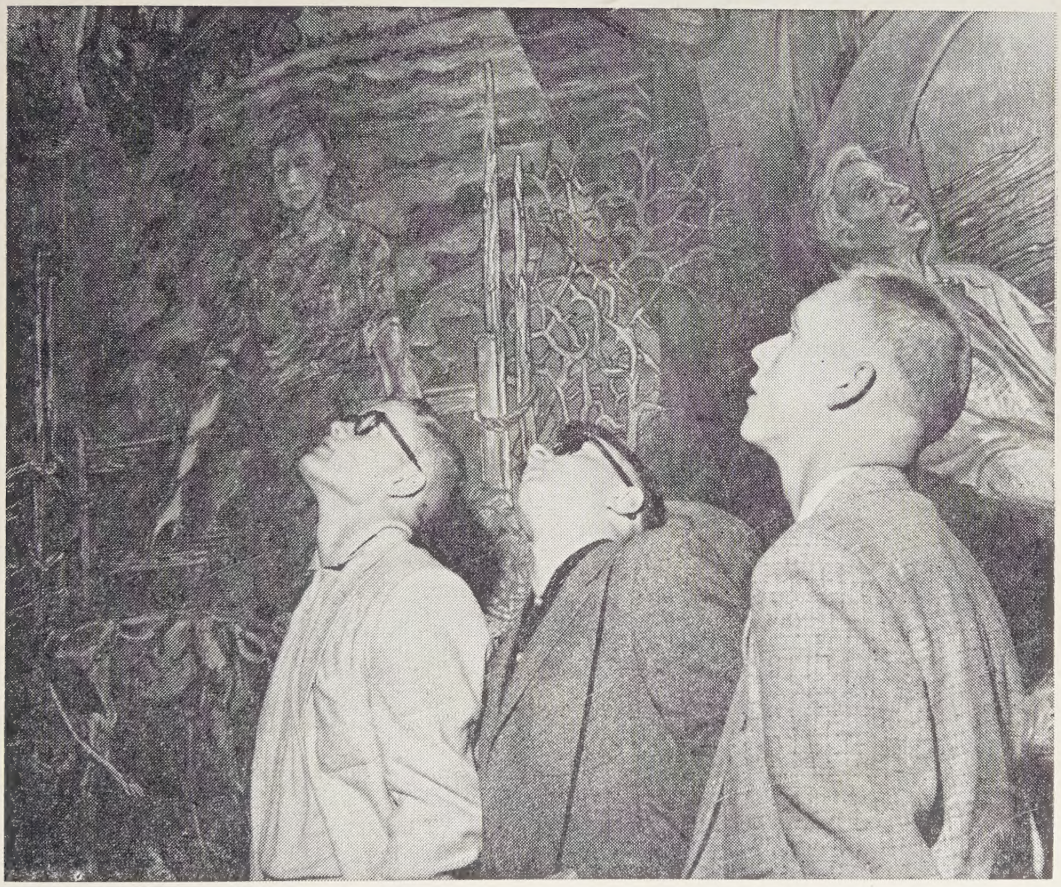

Concordia Choir students on tour in Europe did the usual amount of neck stretching. *See page 3.*

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The Face of Christ

I saw myself, in dream, a youth, almost a boy, in a low-pitched wooden church. The slim wax candles gleamed, spots of red, before the old pictures of the saints.

A ring of coloured light encircled each tiny flame. Dark and dim it was in the church . . . But there stood before me many people. All fair-haired, peasant heads. From time to time they began swaying, falling, rising again, like the ripe ears of wheat, when the wind of summer passes in slow undulation over them.

All at once some man came up from behind and stood beside me.

I did not turn towards him; but at once I felt that this man was Christ.

Emotion, curiosity, awe overmastered me suddenly. I made an effort . . . and looked at my neighbour.

A face like every one's, a face like all men's faces. The eyes looked a little upwards, quietly and intently. The lips closed, but not compressed; the upper lip, as it were, resting on the lower; a small beard parted in two. The hands folded and still. And the clothes on him like every one's.

'What sort of Christ is this?' I thought. 'Such an ordinary, ordinary man! It can't be!'

I turned away. But I had hardly turned my eyes away from this ordinary man when I felt again that it really was none other than Christ standing beside me.

Again I made an effort over myself . . . And again the same face, like all men's faces, the same everyday though unknown features.

And suddenly my heart sank, and I came to myself. Only then I realized that just such a face—a face like all men's faces—is the face of Christ.

IVAN TURGENEV (1818-1883)

In this issue . . .

Cover—Between concerts, there was a lot for Concordia Choir members to take in on their recent European tour. Squeezing in a bit of sight-seeing are Luther Abrahamson of Canton, S. Dak., Kent Froseth of East Grand Forks, Minn., and Paul Gilbertson of Reynold, N. Dak. Photo by Gerald Olson, courtesy of Fargo Forum.

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Turgenev's life and work were characterized by his great love for humanity and for the oppressed peasantry. One of his first acts upon inheriting his family's estate was to free all the serfs. This selection was taken from "Dream Tales and Prose Poems," translated by Constance Garnett.

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A chartered plane flew the Concordia Choir directly from Fargo, North Dakota, to Oslo, Norway, with stopovers at Newfoundland and Ireland. Here the singers debark and touch Norwegian soil at Oslo. They were sponsored by the League of Norsemen (Nordmanns Forbundet) of Oslo, the same organization which assisted in the concert band tour of 1935 and the choir tour of 1949.

"It's easy to feel at home," reported a choir member. "We've gotten to know the people by staying in homes . . . an advantage most visitors miss." Here Tom Hoghaug of Grand Forks, N. Dak., sings with his hostess. Some fortunate members got breakfast in bed, others were given silver spoons.

We've Been a While A'Wandering

Any choir tour is a wonderful thing—but when it takes you to Norway, the Netherlands, Germany, and Austria, it's twice as wonderful.

The 65-member Concordia Choir has just returned from a 39-concert tour in those countries, highlighted by a command performance before King Olav V and Princess Astrid, an appearance at the Brussels World's Fair, and participation in the famous Vienna Music Festival.

Actually, each concert was a high spot because of the capacity crowds and enthusiastic reception.

And what an impression these young people must have made on their European hosts! We are sure that their appearance and their fine singing did much to combat the unfortunate picture of American youth that is sometimes received in Europe from news reports of juvenile delinquency and from some of our films.

The pictures and information on this and the following pages were provided by the *Fargo Forum*, Fargo, North Dakota, which carried widely read features sent back by two choir members employed by the newspaper, Mary Rasmussen of Dwight, North Dakota, and Gerald Olson of Staten Island, New York.

Banquets, speeches of welcome, warm-hearted Norwegian hospitality—all these the singing Cobbers experienced in the month they criss-crossed the fjord country. Here the mayor of Oslo officially welcomes the party. Concordia President Knutson and Mrs. Knutson (left) and Director and Mrs. Christiansen flank the city official.

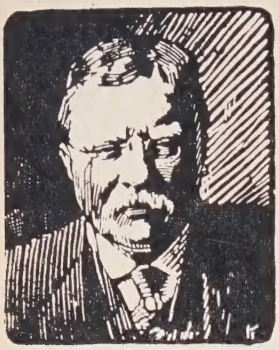
They soon learned why the ancient Vikings became expert sailors, as they commuted from concert to concert by ship and ferry. Dr. and Mrs. Knutson (he's second from the right) prepare to board a ferry near Volda. There's a rumor that they missed the ferry and had to be rescued by this private boat!

Photographing museums, palaces, and the beautiful Norwegian countryside occupied a good many spare moments.

This Sunday morning found the choir on a ferry between Kristiansund and Molde. Dr. A. E. Hanson, president of the Northern Minnesota District, conducted worship services on the open deck. Adults accompanying the choir were: Director and Mrs. Paul J. Christiansen, President and Mrs. Joseph L. Knutson, Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Hanson, Music Co-ordinator Kurt Wycisk and Mrs. Wycisk, and Dr. and Mrs. David O. Berge of Roseau. Dr. Loyal E. Tallakson of Fargo, president of the North Dakota District, and Mrs. Tallakson joined them in Norway.

Despite the fact that the choir appeared in concert nearly every day, Director Christiansen scheduled regular rehearsals. The young singers were well received, especially when they sang in Norwegian the selections they had learned for the tour. At Lillehammer, "Vogi Mitt Norge" moved many in the audience to tears.

"Big Stick," "Bull Moose," and "Rough Riders" are phrases you think of in connection with "Teddy" Roosevelt, but he was also known as



The Bible-Quoting President

By Robert W. Olew

It's impossible to review the life of Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States, the Centennial of whose birth is now being celebrated nationally, without reference to the Holy Bible. He loved it, knew it, quoted it, and regularly urged its constant use.

When his sister, Mrs. Corinne Robinson, learned that he wanted to take a small library with him on his trip to Africa, she offered to furnish one for him. The President accepted, but made it plain that whatever else she might select, the Holy Bible would have to be the first choice. Mrs. Robinson said her brother couldn't do without that book. "He counted it a literary masterpiece," she remarked. "He read it for inspiration and consolation."

Mr. Roosevelt felt that the Good Book should be read for other reasons too. He believed that it packed tremendous transforming power, furnished the standards for making the world a better place in which to live, and developed good taste in reading.

President Roosevelt's familiarity with the Scriptures is reflected in his often quoted remark: "If a man is not familiar with the Bible he has suffered a loss which he had better make all possible haste to correct."

In Mr. Roosevelt's day the custom of church members bringing their copies of the Bible with them to Sunday worship was more widespread than it is now. Members of Grace Reformed Church in Washington, D. C., where Teddy was a communicant member during his years in the White House, still vividly recall how he would follow the pastor's reading of the Gospel lesson from his own copy of the Greek New Testament, which he regularly brought along to church with him.

Teddy's father, who exercised a tremendous influence over his son, always had family prayer and Bible reading every morning in the Roosevelt home. So Teddy began to memorize Bible passages when he was three years old. He taught his own children to commit large portions to memory. It's no wonder that so many of letters (there are 150,000 of them) contain Scrip quotations. Paying tribute to the Bible at the time the 300th Anniversary of the King James translat Mr. Roosevelt said: "No educated man can afford be ignorant of the Bible and no uneducated man afford to be ignorant of the Bible."

He was often invited to speak on the influence the Bible. On one such occasion he addressed the M Brotherhood of the Methodist Church at Oyster his home town in New York state. The Presi brought his own Bible with him and read as a Sc ture lesson the 13th chapter of St. Paul's first l to the Corinthians. This is the familiar "love" cha which Henry Drummond used for his book called "

It was more true of him than of most men that his defects inherent in his virtues. There were few half-tones in Roose moral perceptions and fewer in his vocabulary; he saw thing either black or white, and he forgot sometimes that he had previously seen them as he saw them at the moment. . . . very intensity of his convictions sometimes blinded him to sincerity and even to the justice of other points of view. N theless, this intensity, this moral fervour, gave his ideas a mentum and a success which they could never have acq had they proceeded from a more judicial mind. He sc 'weasel words,' and on occasion he did not hesitate to describ enemies as thieves and liars. . .

Albert Bushnell Hart
Encyclopedia Britannica (12th ed.)

Greatest Thing in the World." Mr. Roosevelt sp to that men's group from a very brief outline, w contained nothing but a series of Bible reference follows: I Corinthians, 13; Matthew 7:1, 16; Matt 25:37-40, and James 1:27, 3:17, 18, and 4:2. It prob would be hard to find any of our present-day preac even among the most versatile, who depend on not more than such an outline for their presentation.

Very few, if any, of our chief executives have been asked to deliver a course of lectures to semi

tudents. Teddy was. He gave a lecture series on the Bible and religion at the Pacific Theological Seminary t Berkeley, California, in the spring of 1911.

Believing that the Bible should be read and studied n every home, Mr. Roosevelt urged parents to make his practice a serious duty. Children should hear the imple Bible stories just as they appear in the Scriptures. 'Ordinarily it's not necessary to explain them," he advised; "children understand the lessons taught therein." After they knew the facts he believed they ought to be ncouraged to use their imaginations.

The imagination of his own children burst forth one Sunday morning at Grace Church in Washington when he pastor spoke about the meaning of the official denominational seal of the Reformed Church in the United States. One of Mr. Roosevelt's boys, believed to be Kermit, slipped from his place in the pew and began crawling on the floor beneath the seats. The President quickly retrieved the youngster and immediately wanted to know the reason for such behavior. Kermit replied that he was looking for the seal the pastor was talking about.

Teddy took every opportunity to encourage children themselves to become well acquainted with the Scriptures. Frank Hines, a funeral director in Washington, D. C., likes to remember how, when he was a boy, he hurried out of his Baptist Church and ran the block to Grace Church in time to see Mr. Roosevelt leaving the Sunday service. Invariably, Mr. Hines reports, the President would pat him on the head and ask whether he was going to Sunday school and reading his Bible as he should.

Mr. Roosevelt usually walked to Grace Church from the White House and back again, a distance of nine blocks. It wasn't uncommon for him to ask the children he met on the way whether they attended Sunday school and whether they were reading their Bibles. If they answered no, he would urge them to try Grace Sunday School, where, he promised, they would be given a copy of the Good Book if they didn't already have one.

Teddy's favorite text was Micah 6:8: "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.' Another favorite, to which he turned when he was sworn in as President the second time, served as a public address in Chicago on a Sunday during a political campaign. He went to church that Sunday, as was his custom, and the pastor called upon him to speak. Teddy arose and quoted James 1:22: "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only." One of his biographers has observed that long after the well prepared message of the preacher had been forgotten, men and women of that Chicago congregation remembered the one-verse sermon by Mr. Roosevelt.

Two Accept--
One Declines

At the General Convention in June, three men were elected to professorships at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul: Dr. Eugene L. Fevold; Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan; and Dr. Olaf K. Storaasli. Drs. Fevold and Storaasli have sent in their acceptances of the Church's election. We are grateful to God for this strength that has been added to the theological faculty through the decisions of these two men.

In a two-page letter, Dr. Pelikan reports the care with which he has considered his election to a professorship at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul. Then he states: ". . . I am compelled to announce that I must respectfully decline the call extended to me by the convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Church."

Dr. Pelikan goes on to say in part: "I envision a bright academic and theological future for Luther Seminary and would have enjoyed participating in it. . . . Nevertheless, I do not see how I can accept it. Under the conditions of American Protestantism the inter-denominational theological faculties have a unique role to play. . . . An assessment of my own abilities, training, experience, and prospects makes me believe that, for the present at least, I should remain in the inter-denominational setting. It is in this setting, after all, that most of the professors at most of our seminaries, including Luther Seminary, will have to be trained. My professorship at the University of Chicago has made it possible for me to carry on a program of research and continued literary production in theology, from which, I hope, the Lutheran Church will profit. Nowhere else would this have been possible.

"In addition to all this, I cannot escape the conviction that if it were time for me to leave the University of Chicago, I should go back into the service of the Missouri Synod, either at Valparaiso University or at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

". . . As a result of this election I shall always sense a special bond with your Church and with Luther Seminary."

We regret that Dr. Pelikan did not see his way clear to accept this election, but we are assured that he gave the call his earnest and prayerful consideration. We cannot, therefore, do other than accept his decision as God's leading for him.

Fredrik A. Schiotz
President, ELC

Correspondence

One of Thousands

►Let me be one of the thousands of people in the ELC who will congratulate and commend the people of the Rush River and South Rush River parishes, who caused the following ad to be placed in the *Lutheran Herald:* "Rent-free house available for someone who has spent his life in the service of the Church."

This intention shows considerable thought and Christian concern for the men and the women who have given themselves in the service of the Church and their Lord. Congratulations to the people of Rush River, and beyond the shadow of a doubt, God is going to bless their fine gesture.

(The Rev.) Joel Dobbe
Milwaukee, Wis.

Where Was the Greatness?

►Appreciated your thorough reports on the recent ELC convention. However, I would like to disagree with your summation as concerns the "greatness" of the convention.

Your editorial attempts to make it into a "great" convention were quite unconvincing. To base one's evaluation even in part on the fact that the convention was big is naive and dangerous at best. You say that "No one can doubt the presence of greatness when almost 2,500 men come together about the business of our Lord. If there were not a moment of excitement in the entire convention, the greatness would still be there." This is ridiculous. Numbers in themselves do not guarantee greatness.

Also, your reference to the beloved former president of our ELC was touching and appropriate — but not within the context of an argument for a "great" convention.

It seems to me that these two examples of your attempt to find something great about the 1958 convention are convincing evidence of just the contrary. If we have to look that far for signs of greatness, then the convention was indeed mediocre.

However, your case for "greatness" as based on adoption of the new budget was by far the poorest attempt of all. The editorial says, "This convention was great in being as generous as faith and common sense would permit, in planning for the raising and spending of a tremendous sum of money for the efforts of the Kingdom during the next biennium." Certainly you don't really believe this.

Every single department of our Church appeared before the convention to tell of a woeful lack of funds to carry on the Kingdom work that should be done. Specific resolutions to raise the budget were presented and forthrightly denied. Missions, Charities, Education, Pensions—all these told of an urgent need for money. The only response was the usual normal increase, easily explained by an increase in membership and decrease in dollar value.

So we voted a budget for Kingdom outreach of less than two cents per day from each baptized member of the ELC. This is greatness?

Especially disappointing was your comparison of the ability of our people to give in 1958 with the depression conditions of 1934. I could hardly believe my eyes when I read this attempt to justify our Church's meager stewardship in our day of economic over-abundance.

In an earlier convention report disparaging remarks were made about "convention enthusiasms" which were not realistic and a comparison to the 1920's was made. Seems to me it's about time we started looking forward rather than backward. It would be exciting for once to see a convention unafraid to take God at His Word. Budgetwise, the convention listened to a leadership which insisted, "This you have done and this you are able and willing to do now, and no more." So it applied the rubber stamp and that was that. Makes one wonder if conventions have outlived their usefuln

Let's face it. We had a chance a challenge to be great. But we di rise to it. My main fear is that a l people will read your editorial actually believe it. Thus our Chu through self-imposed illusions of g ness, will be lulled into a deeper c placency than ever. It's bad enoug be mediocre. But to consider on great at the same time is dangerou

(The Rev.) Gordon A. Sell
Decorah, Iowa

Deeper Loyalties

►How unconsciously we reveal deeper loyalties!

Often I have seen tempers flare voices rise when a person's lodg criticized. But I do not recall any evidence of agitation when a mem church is maligned or his Lord's n is used as a curse.

(The Rev.) Rolf E. Aasen
Minneapolis, Minn.

An Error Corrected

►In Lutheran Herald, No. 28, p 3 and 4, there is an article elabora on the playlet manufactured to de the death and burial of The Evan cal Lutheran Church.

It appears that some claims are m that are historically incorrect, therefore misleading and false. In connection the name of the for president of the ELC is given, the statement continues thus: "wh the first American born presiden the Synod, led the Church in its r important transitional phase," etc

According to historical records, first president of the Synod, or Chu known today as The Evangelical theran Church, was a native American, whose name was Dr. G. Stub, born at Muskego, Wisco Feb. 23, 1849. He was presiden the Norwegian Synod for many y before the union in 1917, and he elected the first president of the Ch known today as the ELC and se as such from 1917 until 1925.

The most important and the ric historical period in the entire lif the Church known today as the is not the period after 1917, but long period beginning about 1843, tinuing and culminating in 1917.

(The Rev.) J. H. Myrwa
Silvana, Wash.

For the Family Altar

J. R. Hestenes

Toward the Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

Cornelius

The Epistle: I John 1:8-2:2 • The Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Monday, August 11
THE OUTSIDER
Read Acts 10:1

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion . . .

It is doubtful that anyone down at Jerusalem had ever heard of this man. Furthermore, what point would there be in knowing him? He was a Gentile, wasn't he? And what good were Gentiles? Of what worth were any of these people who were rated as "outsiders" by the Jewish people, and even by some of the first Christians, including Peter? But Cornelius was not an outsider in the eyes of God. He, too, had been included in God's plan of salvation. God builds His fences wide. It is man that wants to close the gates.

Rid me, O God, of "outsider" trouble. Deliver me from spiritual smugness. Never let me think that salvation is more for one group than it is for another. Help me to see that people are "outsiders" only if they have not been saved by Your grace. Encourage me to love such outsiders and pray and work that they also may be brought into the family of the saved. In the Name of Jesus, Amen.

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Tuesday, August 12
READY SOIL
Read Acts 10:2

A devout man who feared God with all his household . . .

How it was that Cornelius, a Gentile, knew something about God, we do not know. What contact he had had with the teachings of the Jewish religion is not made clear. But he did believe in God and was a devout man, generous with his giving, and he prayed to God. Here was a man who, though only partially informed, was ready for the Christian message of salvation in Christ Jesus. The Spirit had prepared the soil of his heart so that it was ready for the Sower.

We cannot know, O God, of all Your ways, or how it is that You reach the hearts of people in unlikely places, and in unlikely ways. But we pray that where You have reached, Your work shall prosper; and that we shall be quick to lend ourselves to doing what You would have us do to bring about the fulfillment of what is begun. Make us ready to help prepare the soil of hearts for the sowing of the saving Word, Amen.

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Wednesday, August 13
THE CO-OPERATOR
Read Acts 10:7-8

He called two of his servants . . . and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

This was a strange experience God brought to Cornelius; the vision of an angel, the directions to send men to Joppa to find and bring a man called Peter. Cornelius was not one to chalk it up to "one of those unexplainable things." Rather, he accepted the visitation for what it was and acted in obedience to it. He was not hindering the work of the Spirit; he was co-operating. His sincerity must have shown to the three men he sent on the journey.

You have taught us to depend on You for directions, dear Father; directions that come to us in the Word and by the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Make us obedient to those directions lest we be guilty of hindering Your purposes. What does not make sense to us so easily prevents us from obedience. Lift us free of damaging "common sense" so that we may follow Your will altogether, Amen.

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Thursday, August 14
SHARING
Read Acts 10:24

Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his kinsmen and close friends.

Cornelius felt an inward need but he was not watching out for Cornelius alone. He sensed the coming of a good thing and made it a point to bring his family and his friends together so that all of them should share in the experience. Here was a man with a mission mind. There was no "That takes care of me; now you watch out for yourself." He did not take his religion into a corner and jealously lick his lips over the dessert of salvation.

Of course I want to know the joy of Your salvation, gracious Father, but I cannot have full joy if those near to me do not have it. The joy of the saved is a joy to be shared; the privilege of hearing the truth is a thing to be passed around; the event of the Gospel is an experience to be shed abroad. Give to me a heart that longs for the salvation of all, Amen.

Friday, August 15
RECEPTIVE
Read Acts 10:33

"Now therefore we are all here present in the sight of God, to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord."

Perhaps Peter did not realize it at the time, but rarely was he to have such a receptive audience! Cornelius was a gem of a man made ready to hear the Word, and ready to listen to *whatever* was told him. This was no "Go ahead and preach, I'll listen to what I like and throw out what I don't like." Cornelius, ready soil, was prepared to receive the announcement that he by himself was lost and condemned. He was ready to accept the "foolishness of the cross."

Make me fully receptive, O God. Take away from me the fleshly sieves that want to strain out the truths that seek to destroy my pride and cross the judgments of my mind. Bless the pastor of our congregation and encourage him to speak Your Truth that we who hear with open ears and hearts may be fed, led, and sped into good service, Amen.

Saturday, August 16
FINALE
Read Acts 10:48

And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

This was Peter speaking. There could be no other conclusion. The Holy Spirit had worked mightily to bring the saving Word to Cornelius and those with him. Peter had told the story of Jesus—"that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." Now, in obedience to the command of Christ, there was another measure to take. That was to baptize these who had received the Holy Spirit. When this was done, the final act in making children of the world into children of God in Christ was completed. But this finale was an introduction to the new life in Christ.

We thank You, heavenly Father, that in baptism we have been made Your children. But make us mindful of the promise we have made that we shall always remain faithful to the covenant of our baptism, that the work that has been begun will be made perfect, Amen.

The Lost Are Found

The Rev. Joseph Wittkofski, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal church in Charleroi, near Pittsburgh, Penna., felt something should be done about the usual summer slump in church attendance.

So he inserted an ad in the Lost & Found section of the local newspaper. It read:

"Lost or Strayed—hope not stolen, a few hundred of the Lord's sheep. Not seen for several weeks. Please return tomorrow morning to the green pastures of St. Mary's church in Charleroi where a table will be prepared and the cup will be running over. No questions will be asked."

The results: "Very satisfactory." Members who hadn't attended church since Easter showed up.

Yes and No

Will Graham Hit Chicago?

Two opinions were expressed this month on the possibility of a Billy Graham evangelist campaign in the city of Chicago.

No

The Church Federation of Greater Chicago has decided not to sponsor a proposed crusade led by evangelist Billy Graham. Instead it will embark on a 20-year program of evangelism by local congregations.

The negative action on the Graham mission was taken to avoid a split among the member denominations, said Dr. John W. Harms, federation executive vice-president. In a poll of the 26 member bodies, a majority opposed the project or refused to commit themselves.

Beginning with a city-wide visitation program in Lent 1959, the federation will seek to win 1,000,000 members to Christ within the next decade. Under its evangelism chairman, Dr. August M. Hintz, pastor of the North Shore Baptist Church, some 7,000 lay men and women are to be enlisted to call on 100,000 unchurched people next spring.

In 1960 or 1961, the Chicago federation plans to take part in a "pilot evangelism project" involving 3,000 to 4,000 local churches throughout Illinois.

There had been no definite plans for a crusade here by Mr. Graham. Much of the original support for one came from the Midwest Region of the National Association of Evangelicals and

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS—Pictured is, left, Dr. O. Clay Maxwell, New York, newly elected president of the National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress. At the right is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Montgomery, Ala., elected vice-president. The Congress recently met at Omaha, Neb. It is the youth and education agency of the National Baptist Conference, USA, Inc., a Negro church body.

the Evangelical Ministers Association of Chicago.

In the federation poll, 16 member bodies representing 295,000 people favored a Graham crusade, said Dr. Harms. But 10 denominations representing 333,000 members "could not be counted on officially to give support," he said. Four bodies opposed the project openly.

Yes

Possibilities for a Billy Graham crusade in Chicago are "still excellent," a leader of the National Association of Evangelicals said.

Dr. Charles J. Anderson, executive director of the NAE's Midwest Region made this statement on the heels of decision by the Church Federation Greater Chicago not to help sponsor Graham campaign.

He said the federation's deci may have aided, not hindered, the m to bring the evangelist here.

Some evangelical groups that m have withheld support if the fed tion had endorsed the crusade "probably will give it wholeheartedly said Dr. Anderson.

A majority of the church federati 26 member bodies had indicated i poll that they would not back the sade. However, Dr. Anderson said considerable number" who favored are expected to lend their support new plans for a Graham campaign

In East Germany

Pastor, Elder Arrested For Church Bell Offering

A Protestant pastor and the elde his parish drew prison sentences for organizing an "unauthorized co tion" to buy a bell for their church

The pastor, named Hoffman, sentenced to two years and the el named Vogel, was given a 12 mo term.

The decree was handed down the district court at Poessneck in Soviet Zone. A defense motion to pend the sentence was rejected by court which stated, "It must be m clear to the clergy that they have to spect the laws of the East German public."

After a Sunday sermon, Pastor H man called upon his flock to do money for a new bell. The old one scrapped during World War II by Nazis.

Several disabled members were able to attend the church service, they asked the clergymen to rec the contributions in their homes. W the parish officials arrived, howe they were promptly arrested by So Zone police.

CHRISTIAN JOURNALISTS MEET—The Rev. Gunter Heidtmann, editor of "Kirche in der Zeit" in Germany, addresses a gathering of representatives of religious and secular publications in ten countries held recently in Geneva, Switzerland. Countries represented were Great Britain, Germany, France, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, Hungary, Poland, and Italy.

Orthodox to Send First Missionaries Since 1500

The first official missionary in five centuries from the Greek Orthodox Church will leave for overseas work in August, Bishop Athenagoras, dean of the Holy Cross Orthodox Theological School, Brookline, Mass., announced in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He made the report at the 14th biennial congress of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America. The bishop heads the Greek Orthodox Holy Cross Missionary Society, first in the archdiocese's history, which was launched in 1956. Center of the society is at the Brookline seminary where missionaries will be trained for overseas work.

Bishop Athenagoras said the last official Greek Orthodox missionary was sent out in the 15th century, although every member of the Church is expected to serve in that capacity. He said the first missionary will be a physician who will establish a mission in Seoul, Korea.

DEZSERY REFUSES TO BE SUCCESSOR TO ORDASS

Bishop Laszlo Dezsery resigned immediately after he succeeded Bishop Lajos Ordass as head of the Southern District of the Hungarian Lutheran Church.

This development was disclosed in the June 26th issue of "Evangelikus Elet, official weekly of the Church, in a detailed account of the change in church leadership.

The periodical said the Council, meeting on June 24, announced that the Presidium of the Hungarian People's Republic did not recognize Bishop Dezsery's resignation in October 1956 and that he was therefore to be regarded as the legal bishop of the Southern District.

The Council expressed its thanks to Bishop Ordass for the work he had done and, although he was not present at the meeting, formally asked the "retired bishop" to hand over his office to Bishop Dezsery. The latter then resigned the post after a long speech, the content of which was not reported.

After this, the church paper said, the Council decided to ask the State to recognize Bishop Dezsery's resignation, and he was provisionally replaced by Dr. Emil Koren, Lutheran Bishop of Budapest.

India Lutherans Study New CSI Statement

India's Lutheran theologians are studying a new statement from the Church of South India on the ministry and the episcopacy to see if it affords ground for agreement between the two groups.

The CSI statement is aimed at breaking the deadlock which developed in 1956 when the Lutherans failed to reach a common position on this subject. Since then, the theological commissions of the CSI and the Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India have held no further joint sessions.

In its statement, which was approved by the executive body of the Church's synod, the CSI theological commission said a system of bishops was needed "as episcopacy has been accepted in the Church from early times."

It said that the Church of South India "does not consider episcopal ordination essential for a valid ministry." However, it asserted that "there cannot be a universally accepted ministry which does not include the historic episcopate as one element."

Prior to 1956, commissions representing the Lutheran federation and the CSI had met together for theological discussions about once a year since 1948, the year after the Church of South India was formed by the merger of Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, Reformed and Congregational groups.

Out of these Lutheran-CSI talks had come a series of agreed statements on the Law and the Gospel, the doctrine of election, the relation of creedal and confessional statements to the being of the Church, and the doctrine of the Lord's Supper.

Except for the India Mission of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the Lutheran Churches of India have not been represented directly in these talks, but through the federation. This body includes ten Indian Churches and five co-operating missions.

CHURCH FOLLOWS ITS MEMBERS—When half the congregation of Fairview Evangelical and United Brethren Church moved nine miles away to Allison, Ia., the church building went with them. The steeple was moved separately.

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Congregationalists Ask End of Denominationalism

The International Congregational Council ended its eighth assembly in Hartford, Conn., with pleas for an end to denominationalism.

Dr. Leslie E. Cooke of Geneva, Switzerland, associate general secretary of the World Council of Churches, told 450 delegates at the closing session that Churches unwilling to come to grips with the "painful facts" of their differences "have no place" in the World Council community and should "withdraw" into a narrowly denominational life."

"It would be hypocrisy to remain in a movement and an organization which interprets obedience to the one Lord as meaning commitment to a continued endeavor to overcome these divisions, if we do not intend to wrestle with these facts," he said.

"This is of course thoroughly disturbing," Dr. Cooke said. "It involves such changes in thought and organizational patterns as to constitute a revolution."

Some 450 delegates from 22 countries attended the international assembly. The council, which meets every five years, comprises Congregationalist bodies throughout the world, most of them in English-speaking countries.

Lutheran Laymen Meet

The Lutheran Laymen's League, men's auxiliary of the Lutheran Church —Missouri Synod, met in San Diego, Calif., in July, to review the work of the past year and to plan for the future. The League is divided into 41 districts in the United States and Canada. During the past year, it expended the sum of $1,746,000 to carry on its activities. Of this, almost a million and a half went for the operation of the League's Lutheran Hour, which is now in its 26th year. Lutheran Hour preacher is Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman of New York, the synod's public relations director. It was stated that 160,000 people in Japan are now enrolled in the Lutheran Hour's Bible correspondence course, and that 14,000 of them have asked for baptism.

On Name Change . . . ALC Council Considers

The Program and Policy Council of the American Lutheran Church, meeting at St. Olaf College in July, discussed the recent action of the ELC convention pressing for a change in name of the new church to be formed in 1960.

Although the council did not favor a change in name, it readily granted that the ALC convention meeting in San Antonio, Texas in October will have full authority to take whatever action it wishes in this matter.

Fairview Addition Dedicated

Dedication ceremonies were held recently for a new nursing education building, community and student center, and rehabilitation swimming pool at Fairview Hospital, Minneapolis.

Dr. F. A. Schiotz, president of the ELC, gave the principal address at the ceremonies consecrating this part of the current $2,000,000 building program of the hospital. Open house and conducted tours followed the ceremonies.

Bible Camp Consecrated

Brush Lake Bible Camp, located in northeastern Montana, was dedicated recently by the Rev. Evans Knutson of Reserve, Montana, secretary-treasurer of the Rocky Mountain District of the ELC and vice-president of the camp's board of directors. Dr. Bernhard Christensen, president of Augsburg College and Seminary of Minneapolis, was the speaker at the event. The new camp is owned by the 32 congregations of the ELC, the North Dakota-Montana District of the UELC, and the Williston District of the Lutheran Free Church.

Churches

Austin, Minn.—St. Olaf Church has recently purchased two new parsonages for their pastors, the Rev. Arthur L. Swenson and the Rev. M. E. Hauge. The third parsonage, for the assistant pastor, the Rev. James E. Braaten, has been redecorated this year.

Forest City, Ia.—Immanuel Church, the Rev. Owen Gangstead, pastor, recently assumed the sponsorship another foreign missionary, the Marcus Mork, commissioned for ice in Japan. Missionary Mork's br er, the Rev. Paul Mork, was insta last month as an associate pasto the parish.

Ambrose, N. Dak.—Two rural gregations, Trinity and Twin Butt the Ambrose-Fortuna parish, celebr their 50th anniversaries this sum The Rev. K. Roger Johnson is the ent pastor.

Iola, Wis. — Hitterdal Church, Rev. Karel Lunde, pastor, celebr its 75th anniversary recently. For pastors I. M. Gjellstad and H. Walker and a son of the congrega the Rev. Clarence W. Solberg, v speakers.

People

The Rev. Elmer H. Dahle, pasto Chester, Ia., since 1949, is the new sionary of the ELC to Shishma Alaska. Together with his wife he by car, following the Alcan Highv on August 10. He will begin his work in September. This will be second time Pastor and Mrs. Dahle up work in Alaska. He served ther missionary from 1921 to 1948, ex for brief periods at congregations Minnesota and North Dakota. Shishmaref he succeeds the **Rev. J L. Maakestad,** who is the new pa at Nome, Alaska.

Luther Askeland, son of the Rev. Mrs. Jacob Askeland, Wessing Springs, S. Dak., has won a Natio Merit Scholarship in the amount $1,800 a year at the college of choice. Of more than 256,000 h school seniors competing, he was of 600 winners. Luther graduated fr Augustana Academy, Canton, S. D last spring.

The Rev. Wallace A. Larson, v has been serving as interim pastor Bethlehem Church, Buffalo Cen Iowa, has begun his new work assistant pastor of Trinity Chu

nkton, S. Dak. Senior pastor is the v. C. Gerald Lygre.

The Rev. Otis Lee, pastor of Calvary urch, Eureka, Calif., has been med this year's "Father of the Year" a contest sponsored by the Eureka amber of Commerce. The award me as the result of a "letter of nomation" written by a daughter of the stor. About 500 letters were received, d the one by Rebecca Lee was dged the winning entrant.

The Rev. L. A. Benson, formerly of dlsworth, Wis., is now serving Beth- y and Plymouth Churches in Maus- n, Wis.

The Rev. Dwight L. Ellefson, who rmerly served a rural parish in Lem- on, S. Dak., has begun his new work campus pastor at South Dakota tate College in Brookings and execu- ve director of the Lutheran Student oundation of the state.

The Rev. M. J. K. Fuhr, who formerly served the parish in Ketchikan, laska, has retired and is living in arkland, Wash.

Miss Donna Simonson was installed n July as the parish worker at First nglish Church in Marshall, Minn., where the Rev. Merland Johnson is pastor.

Richard Mitchell, formerly of Chillicothe, Ohio, is now serving as public relations director of the Norwegian Lutheran Children's Home in Chicago.

The Rev. Stanford O. Stenson has resigned as pastor of Trinity parish, Lyle, Minn., to accept a call to serve as pastor of Our Savior's Church, Teaneck, N. J., effective in October.

The Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Lewis were honored July 15 by their parish, St. Anthony Park in St. Paul, Minn., on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

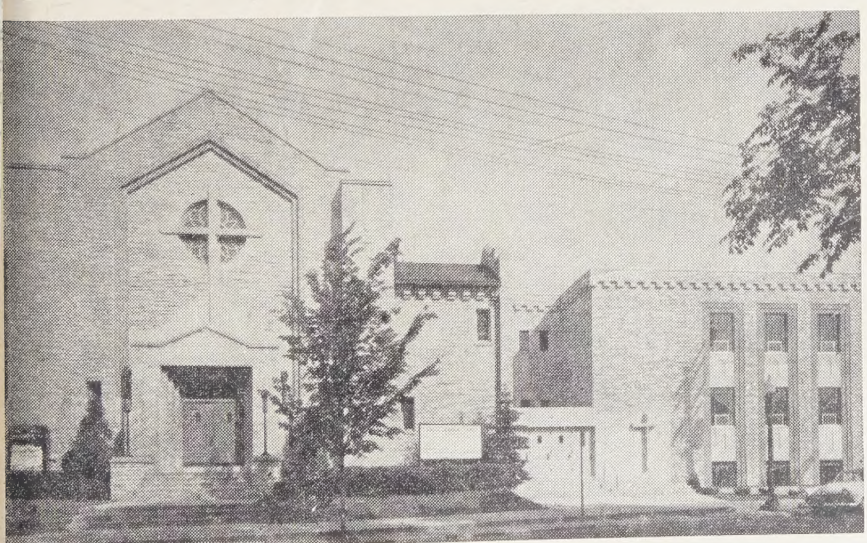
The Rev. Edward W. Nervig has resigned as pastor of Bethlehem Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., to accept a call from Our Savior's Church, Denver, Colo., effective in September.

The Rev. Teber O. Hill, formerly of Silver Bay, Minn., is now serving Our Savior's Church in Two Harbors, Minn. and Zion Church in Finland, Minn.

The Rev. Wm. Humlie, formerly of Arnegard, N. Dak., is now in Muskegon, Mich., where he is associated with his father, the Rev. L. O. Anderson, in the ministry at First Church.

The Rev. J. B. Knudsen, formerly of Beaumont, Texas, is now serving Trinity Church in Clifton, Texas.

The Rev. Hobart Skilbred, formerly pastor at Rolette, N. Dak., is now serving a three-church parish at Arnegard, N. Dak.



NEW EDUCATION UNIT IN USE—The new parish house unit of Trinity Church in Madison, Wis., was recently dedicated. Dr. S. C. Eastvold, first vice-president of the ELC, was the dedication speaker. The $300,000 addition includes a chapel, 35 classrooms, offices, and an assembly room, as well as other facilities for youth and music activities. The congregation, served by Dr. E. B. Steen, senior pastor, built its main church eight years ago. Architects of the new unit were Law, Law, Potter, and Nystrom.

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Obituaries

The Rev. Ole L. Ness died at Velva, N. Dak. on July 4 at the age of 87 years. He was born April 1, 1871 in Sogn, Norway and came to America in 1890. He was graduated from Red Wing Seminary and ordained in 1902. He served the parish at Velva, N. Dak. in 1902-06 and also 1910-13, and in Farmington, Mont., 1908-09. During this period he also farmed a homestead in North Dakota. In 1913 he went into the grocery business. From 1920-30 he again served parishes in North Dakota. Survivors include five children. Funeral services and burial were in Velva.

Mrs. Sigrid H. Eidbo, widow of the late Rev. Elling E. Eidbo, died at Des Moines, Iowa on June 25 at the age of 66 years. She was born and educated in Norway and came to the United States in 1917, the year she was married to Pastor Eidbo. She served with her husband in parishes in the following North Dakota communities: Arnegard, 1917-22; Bowdon, 1922-42; and Woodworth, 1942-44. Since Pastor Eidbo's death she has made her home in Jamestown and Far-

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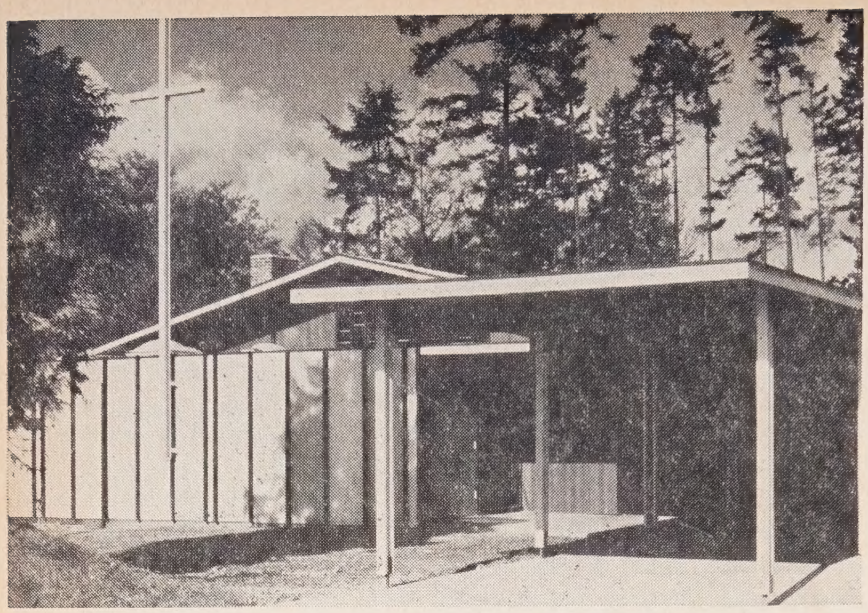

NEW WASHINGTON CHURCH—St. Luke's Church, Bellevue, Wash., recently dedicated its first unit church. Dr. H. L. Foss, president of the Pacific District, officiated, and Dr. F. A. Schiotz, ELC president, preached the sermon. The church, which seats 200, was designed by Grant, Copeland and Chervenack and cost $50,000. Pastor of this home mission congregation is the Rev. John O. Larsgaard.

go, N. Dak. Survivors include five daughters and five sons, one of whom is the Rev. A. Martin Eidbo of Kennewick, Wash. Funeral services were held in Jamestown and burial in Bowdon, N. Dak.

Adolph B. Roseland, who served in the ELC ministry until 1935, died in Aberdeen, Wash., May 27 at the age of 77 years. He was born at Wiota, Iowa on Nov. 9, 1880, and was graduated from St. Olaf College in 1904 and the United Church Seminary in 1910. He taught for three years at Waldorf College and served pastorates in Thief River Falls, Minn.; Eau Claire, Wis.; Onawa, Iowa; and Livingston, Mont. Survivors include two brothers who are ELC pastors, the Rev. Levi Roseland of Seattle, Wash., and the Rev. Luther Roseland of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. Pearl M. Losen, widow of the late Rev. Carl Losen, died May 29 at Decorah, Ia. Born July 6, 1898, in Minneapolis, she was 59 years old at the time of her death. Following her marriage to Pastor Losen in 1919, she assisted him in his pastorates at Port Madison, Wash.; Astoria, Ore.; and rural Decorah, Ia. Since Pastor Losen's death in 1951, Mrs. Losen was employed at Luther College for several years. Since 1954 she has been on the staff of the Aase Haugen Home near Decorah. Funeral services were at Locust, Ia., on May 31. Survivors include three daughters and a son, Carl, who graduated from Luther Theological Seminary in May.

Changes of Address for ELC Pastors

A. A. Anderson, 209 Manitou St., Northfield, Minn., 7-1-58

George W. Anderson, Apt. 2, 106 S. Summit, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., 7-1-58

H. T. Braa, 4053-13th Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn., 7-2-58

Wendell W. Frerichs, 1425 Grantham St., St. Paul 8, Minn., 7-15-58

O. A. Hofstad, 6104 Knox Ave. S., Minneapolis 19, Minn., 7-8-58

J. M. Johnson, 1130 M. Ave., Nevada, Iowa, 2-19-58

Otis A. Lee, 1240 N. Fuller, Hollywood 46, Calif., 6-15-58

C. K. Malmin, Pacific Lutheran College, Tacoma 44, Wash., 7-1-58

J. N. Otte, 422 S. 5th St., Minneapolis 15, Minn., 6-1-58

Russell Sanoden, 1483 Branston, St. Paul 8, Minn., 6-18-58

S. Theo. Severtson, 655-41st Ave., Winona, Minn., 7-1-58

H. S. Strand, Madelia, Minn., 4-30-58

A. S. Waters, Joice, Iowa, 7-8-58

Newly Ordained

Orrin Eittreim, 101-3rd St., Riverdale, N Dak., 6-1-58

Alan E. Erickson, Revere, Minn., 6-8-58

Gene M. Grant, Sexsmith, Alta., Canada, 6-4-58

Richard S. Hanson, 2246 Luther Place, Apt. 4, St. Paul 8, Minn., 7-1-58

Donald W. Johnson, Naicam, Sask., Canada, 6-1-58

Manuel D. Johnson, Rolette, N. 7-1-58

Richard D. Larson, Parshall, N. 7-1-58

Oscar I. Lokken, 1319-102nd Ave., son Creek, B.C., Canada, 6-13-58

Luther E. Peterson, St. Charles, 7-8-58

Clifford A. Stalwick, Weldon, Sask., da, 5-24-58

John R. Thorstensen, Hunter, N. 7-1-58

Robert B. Lester, Leonard, N. Dak.,

Thomas G. Natterstad, Baltic, S. 7-1-58

Duane V. Nelson, R.F.D. Vermilli Dak., 7-1-58

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M. Franklin Pudas, Rosholt, S. Dak.,

Stanley O. Satre, Warwick, N. Dak., 58

Vernon Einar Severson, New Effi S. Dak., 7-15-58

Elwood Skarpness, Glenville, Minn., 58

Donald Skjerseth, Peever, S. Dak., 6

James A. Sorenson, Zahl, N. Dak.,

Ernest Stadum, Milton, N. Dak., 7-

Irving E. Stangland, Page, N. Dak.,

Stephen O. Swanson, Lake Wilson, 7-1-58

Chester C. Swanson, Brandon, S. 7-1-58

Allan R. Thoreson, Kadoka, S. Dak.,

Eberg Duane Tollefson, 1050 First Sweet Home, Ore., 7-4-58

Otto C. Tollefson, 7318 9th Ave., N Seattle 7, Wash., 5-26-58

Jerome Trelstad, RR No. 3, Menon Wis., 6-1-58

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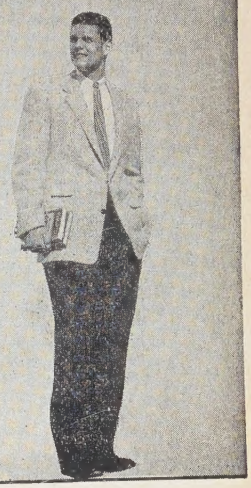

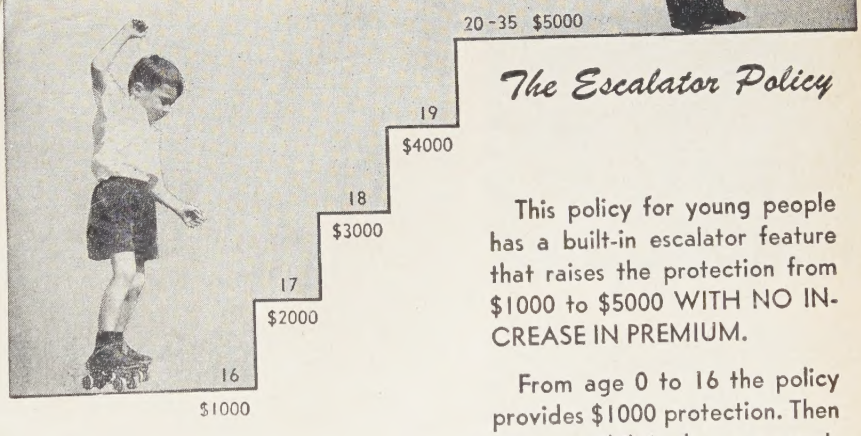

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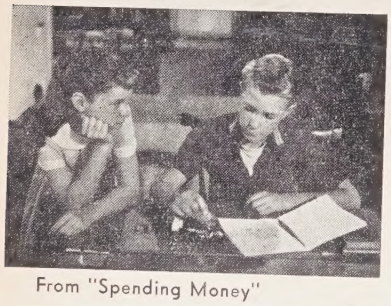

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